

Manchester Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16th 2006
6:15—8:00 P.M.

Location: City Hall

Commissioners Present: Michael Poisson, Kathleen Neville, Jo Ann O'Shaughnessy, Tara Hurst, Greg Sargent, Marty Gavin

Commissioners Absent: Todd Connors

Others Present: Pat Mattson, Jane Beaulieu, Jen Drociak, Alison Closter/ Ethan Hipple/ Zach Hesse (SCA),

Submitted By: Marty Gavin

~ Next Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 1st 2006 ~

Agenda

I. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes from the February 2nd meeting were approved with the following corrections: Under Treasurer's Report, the \$12.00 invoice was for the MCTV video tape of the WEST presentation. Also, Jo Ann met with the Mayor not the entire Board of Alderman. Under Gove Environmental of Old Business, Country Side Blvd. was indicated as Country Club Blvd. Under Chepo Depot "site walk" was spelled "sight walk."

II. Treasurer's Report

Jo Ann said that our budget request still has to be discussed with the Mayor. It currently shows \$10,000, but we at least need \$5,000 more for pond monitoring.

III. Old Business

- **The Pointe at 55 Riverfront Dr.**: Marty spoke with Rick Cantu about the \$15,000 the City received from GFI. We were under the impression that they paid to have the embankment cleaned up, but according to Rick the money was for pavement resurfacing. Rick said that he thinks it is too late for the City to act, however the EPA is preparing for action. Marty said that he has called Jeff Blecharczyk of NHDES, to see if he had a chance to look over our requests, but he has not heard back from him. Also, Marty faxed copies of our mitigation proposals to the Planning and Building Departments.

- **Conservation Easements**: Jo Ann recently gave Matt Mckibben the rest of our markers, and he will continue on with the easement posting. We will have to order more boundary markers soon.
- **Secretarial position**: Jo Ann said that Joas Mckibben will not be able to take on opening we have.
- **All Dog's Gym**: JoAnn brought in the complaint paperwork that we need to file with DES against All Dog's Gym.
- **Natural Resource Coordinator**: Art came in to discuss the Natural Resource section of the City's Master Plan. He showed us his working draft and asked us for suggestions. Some of our suggestions were: water quality guidelines, establishing a land trust, cumulative impact, endangered species list, planting list, violations/consequences, creating a City Forest at Dorrs Pond, solid waste/recycling, and identifying and preserving wildlife corridors. Art will e-mail us drafts, so we can offer our input as he continues to work on this project. He would like to have a final draft ready by June 2007.

IV. New Business

- **Student Conservation Association**: Allison, Ethan, and Zach came in to discuss the upcoming Earth Day event which SCA is hosting. This year it is being held April 22nd 2006 at Veterans Park in Manchester. They are currently coordinating the neighborhood clean up with adopt a block and plan on having a couple of guest speakers, including Granny D. Last year we donated \$1000, and they were hoping that we could commit to a similar size donation this year. The Commission asked them come back with an itemized budget.
- **2006 Urban Ponds Restoration Program**: Jen came in to discuss the current state of this program, while offering her expertise on the subject. Jen said that she and Jeff Marcoux would be willing to do this work, if the City no longer funds the program. She handed out a detailed proposal, and focused on the importance of continuing on with this project.

V. Mail

- Gove Environmental letter to William Thomas (NHDES), dated 1/27/06.
- Copy of e-mail from Kim Tuttle (NH F&G) to Luke Hurley (Gove), dated 1/26/06.
- City of Manchester: Determination of Application Completeness & Regional Impact, regarding several properties including 31 Trolley St., 55 Violet St., etc.

- PSNH letter to NHDES, dated 2/2/06. Regarding transmission line construction in Cohas Bog, and Brickett Meadow.
- NHDES Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit 2005-02599, dated 2/8/06. Regarding PSNH Scobie Pond.
- Previously signed Minimum Impact Expedited Application, signed off by MCC on 1/19/06. Regarding Marc Morin project on Hale Street.
- Two letters of NHDES notice of Administrative Completeness Minimum Impact Expedited Application, dated 1/31/2006. Regarding Exxon Moblie Corp, project on Hale St. One for City of Manchester Highway Dept. and one for Exxon Mobile.